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DATE: September 1, 2010

TO: Iowa Medicaid Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Medicaid Incentive Payment Program Survey

EFFECTIVE: **Now through October 1, 2010**

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) is planning to pay incentive payments to eligible providers who adopt and meaningfully use certified electronic health records (EHRs). To develop an effective plan, we need to understand the number of potentially eligible providers and those who plan to participate in the program.

Two provider groups working in an FQHC or RHC are eligible to receive incentive payments. They are:

1. Physician Assistants (PAs) working in an FQHC/RHC when the FQHC/RHC is "so led" by a PA. An RHC or FQHC is so led by a PA when the PA is the primary provider in a clinic, when a PA is a clinical or medical director at a clinical site of practice or, when a PA is an owner of a RHC.
2. Eligible Professionals (EPs), who are defined as physicians, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and dentists practicing predominately in an FQHC/RHC.

To qualify for an incentive payment, PAs and EPs who practice predominately in an FQHC/RHC, must attribute 30% of their practice as attributable to needy individuals, defined as anyone covered by Medicaid, or *hawk-i*, or those furnished uncompensated care or serves at either no cost or reduced cost based on a sliding scale determined by the individuals' ability to pay.

As a potential recipient of incentive payments, we are asking you to please complete a short survey at <http://www.tfaforms.com/148942> by October 1.

If you have questions regarding the EHR incentive payment program, please call Kelly Peiper, Medicaid EHR Payment Incentive Coordinator, at 515-974-3071 or email at imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.